

HISTORY OF PERFIN USERS

GEORGE HATTERSLEY & SONS, LTD. OF KEITHLEY, YORKSHIRE

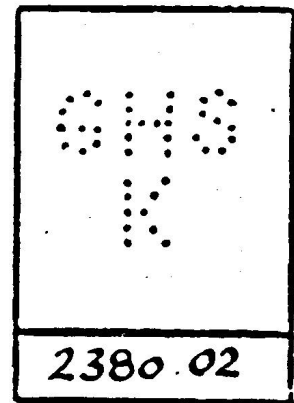
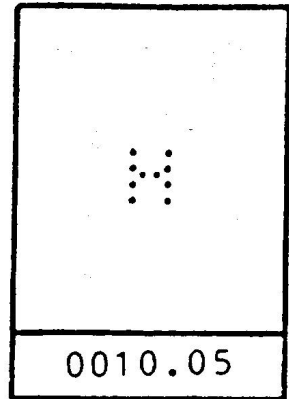
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From 1789 to about 1840, George Hattersley & Sons concentrated solely on manufacturing Power Looms for the cotton, worsted, woollen trades etc. They made the first Worsted Power Loom in 1834 and were the premier manufacturers of looms in England and the first to use wooden looms in the world.

About 1840, just as a sideline at the time, they added to the business of machine makers that of manufacturers of stuff pieces, working from a small building next to the machine works. The spinning and weaving side of the works expanded to three mills situated in the valley between Oakworth and Haworth (of Bronte fame). The looms were made at Northbrook Works, Keithley and the mills were Mytholmes Mill, Higher and Lower Providence Mills and Spring Head Mill.

A water mill provided the only source of power for the mills until the advent of steam power.

The Newsholme family acquired the business in 1907, (Mr Robert Newsholme having virtually run the Mytholme Mill from 1860) when they took over the shares of the company which was made a private limited company in 1888. The name Hattersley & Sons Ltd was not changed. In 1982 they were still making looms and weaving narrow fabrics and making velvet.



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